

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 18th day of December 2019, the Amarillo Local Government Corporation Board of Directors met at 11:30 a.m. on the Third Floor, Room 306, City Hall, 601 South Buchanan Street, with the following members present:

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
William Biggs, Board Member	N	51	47
Eddy Sauer, Councilmember & Board Member	N	28	20
John Lutz, Board Member	Y	70	65
Howard Smith, Councilmember & Board Member	Y	28	27
Michael Haning, President	Y	19	19
Paul Matney, Board Member	Y	19	18
Alfonso Zambrano, Vice President	Y	10	9
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS			
Jared Miller, City Manager	N	32	22
Nancy Tanner, Potter County Commissioner	Y	5	4

Absent were William Biggs, Eddy Sauer and Jared Miller.

Staff in Attendance:

Andrew Freeman, Bryan McWilliams, City Attorney, and Frances Hibbs, City Secretary, Jerry Danforth, Mick McKamie and Laura Storrs.

ITEM 1: Mr. Lutz called the meeting to order.

ITEM 2: Mr. Lutz stated that at this time the Board would invite comments from interested citizens on matters directly pertaining to policies, programs or activities of the Amarillo Local Government Corporation. There were no comments.

ITEM 3: Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 21, 2019, and special meetings held on September 9, 2019, October 1, 2019 and October 7, 2019 were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Haning to accept the minutes, and seconded by Mr. Matney. The minutes were approved by a 5:0 vote.

ITEM 4: Tony Ensor, Sod Poodles, stated his team just returned from the baseball winter meetings in San Diego. He stated Amarillo was the discussion point for many of the meetings. He reviewed the various awards presented and earned by the Sod Poodles for its first season. He stated several holiday events have been held at Hodgetown. Season tickets have been sold out. They are looking to host several high school baseball games as well as concerts next season.

During the affiliate meetings with the Padres they spoke glowingly of Amarillo's new ballpark and team. There have been eleven players sent to the major leagues.

Bobby Dyer, General Manager, Embassy Suites -- stated the Las Brisas Restaurant will open at the hotel on the 27th. They are also in talks with Starbucks for space in the hotel. He further stated they are adding new technology to the rooms and their occupancy rate is 87% year-to-date. There was a 20% growth from this time last year. They continue to be competitive and book conventions that would have otherwise gone to Albuquerque or Lubbock.

Bob Garrett spoke on the retail space. He stated they are getting lots of contacts and are in the early stages of a letter of intent. Colby Monroe of Joe Taco stated he was excited to become a downtown partner. He has hired management for the new restaurant and it will be a different model than the other two restaurants. He stated construction plans are almost completed. The tentative deadline is May 1. They will offer delivery service downtown during the daytime.

Jerry Danforth, Director – Project Manager, stated they will continue to push to see that the timelines for the restaurant are met. He will monitor the project. He further stated his department is working to keep the ballpark relevant, performance of the team, and the field itself. Funding has been set up in the lease to fix any issues that may arise. Mr. Danforth stated the parking garage automation is working fantastic. They receive about 8-10 calls a month from people that need assistance. The majority of the problems are with the insertion of the credit cards. Physical failures have not existed. They continue a good relationship with the valet staff. He stated they may see additional challenges when they bring on more retail.

ITEM 5: Mr. Lutz advised that officers needed to be appointed. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Haning, to reappoint Michelle Bonner as Treasurer and Frances Hibbs as Secretary for the board.

Voting AYE were Mr. Lutz, Mr. Matney, Mr. Smith, Mr. Zambrano and Mr. Haning voting No were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zambrano to appoint Michael Haning as President.

Voting AYE were Mr. Lutz, Mr. Matney, Mr. Smith, Mr. Zambrano and Mr. Haning voting No were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith to appoint Alfonso Zambrano as Vice President, seconded by Mr. Haning.

Voting AYE were Mr. Lutz, Mr. Matney, Mr. Smith, Mr. Zambrano and Mr. Haning voting No were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 6: Laura Storrs presented the quarterly parking garage financials for six months ended September 30, 2019.

ITEM 7: Laura Storrs presented the 2019 Investment Policy. She stated state law requires it be approved once a year. She stated there were only minor changes. Motion was made by Mr. Lutz, seconded by Mr. Smith, and the motion carried by a 5:0 vote, to approve the 2019 Investment Policy with the changes as recommended.

Voting AYE were Mr. Lutz, Mr. Matney, Mr. Smith, Mr. Zambrano and Mr. Haning voting No were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Board of Directors.

ITEM 8: Mr. McKamie advised at 12:39 p.m. that the Board would convene in Closed Session per Texas Government Code (1) Section 551.071, consult with the attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter. (a) Consultation with counsel regarding status of negotiations of proposed amendments to the Convention Center Hotel Lease and Development Agreement, and related matters. (2) Sec. 551.072, discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, sell, or value of real property and public discussion of such would not be in the best interests of the LGC's bargaining position. (a) Lease negotiations for the retail space at the City-owned Parking Garage, and related issues.

Mr. McKamie announced that the Closed Session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

ITEM 9: Mr. Haning inquired about items for the next agenda. He stated the need to discuss season parking passes in the parking garage. Mr. McKamie stated there would also be executive session items for the parking passes, hotel and retail space. Mr. Lutz stated the need to discuss the standing committees.

ITEM 10: Mr. Haning stated the next meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

ITEM 11: Mr. Haning announced the meeting was adjourned.


Michael Haning, President

ATTEST:


Frances Hibbs, City Secretary